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*Restoring, Enhancing, and Sustaining Forests in California, Hawaii & the Pacific Islands*

## Plumas National Forest - Mt. Hough RD

### Plumas Unified School District/Lassen & Plumas National Forests Storrie Fire Restoration Agreement: *Inspiring stewardship through collaboration, education, and restoration*

#### It's for the Birds!

Students from Plumas Unified School District helped Plumas NF Wildlife Biologists monitor avian species within the Storrie and overlapping Chips Fire areas. The students from Greenville Junior High School Science Class installed the bird nesting boxes in April and returned in May to observe if any birds had taken up temporary residence: House wrens were observed entering their fully “furnished” boxes. Other birds observed in the area were Lazuli bunting, Mountain bluebird, Western bluebird, and a Yellow warbler. The class also learned that some birds such as the Lazuli bunting frequent recently burned areas for the food provided and cavity nesting possibilities. Students from Greenville High School Construction Technology Class assisted by building the nesting boxes for the project. Projects are carefully planned for ecological/fire restoration, age- and grade-appropriateness, and tie to the California State Curriculum and Content Standards. Collaboration provides the opportunity for the Lassen and Plumas National Forests to restore the area and for PUSD to educate students with a hands-on, placed-based approach to learning.

#### Objectives:

- Provide students with marketable natural resource skills.
- Student participation in design of recreation features and products.
- Provide opportunities for integration of curriculum.
- Teacher learning about natural resource topics.
- Build new relationships and enhance partnerships already in place.



Greenville Jr. HS students observing a nesting box and recording information



The box is occupied by a House wren and her chicks

#### Connection to Storrie Settlement:

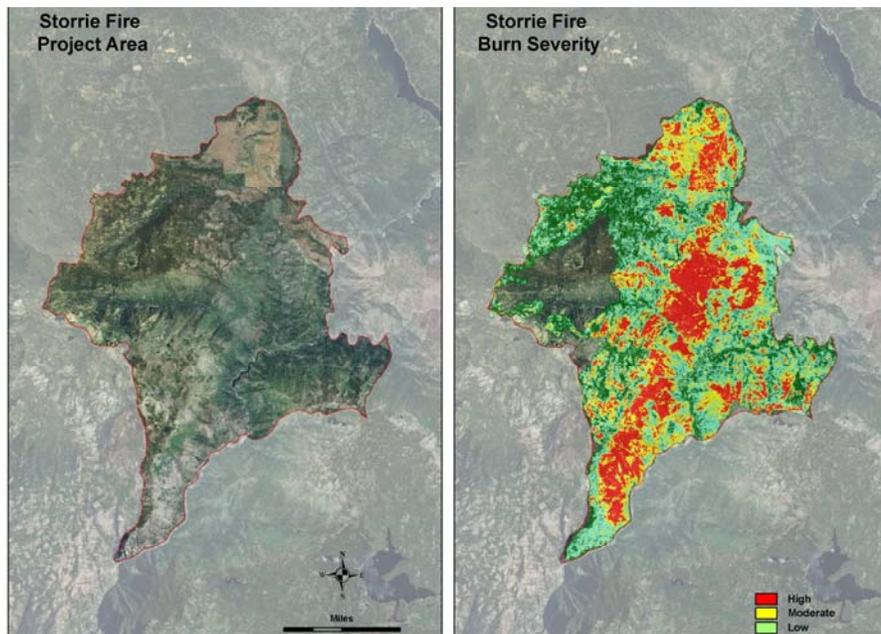
Students help restore natural and recreation resources and landscape

#### Funding:

Storrie Fire Settlement: initial \$535,602 for multi-year partnership agreement (all projects)

#### Next Steps:

- Expand opportunities to additional classes
- Continue curriculum development
- Website development
- Community partnerships
- Additional student employment



Vicinity map of Storrie Fire area

For more information on the Storrie Fire Restoration Projects, visit: [www.fs.usda.gov/plumas](http://www.fs.usda.gov/plumas), then scroll to “Features,” and “Storrie Fire Restoration Project.” For more information on this project, contact: Michele Jimenez-Holtz (530) 283-7643 or [mjimenezholtz@fs.fed.us](mailto:mjimenezholtz@fs.fed.us) or Rob Wade (530) 283-6500 x257 or [rwade@pcoe.k12.ca.us](mailto:rwade@pcoe.k12.ca.us)

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